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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of ) Confirmation No. 4903  
Russell SMITH *et al.* )  
Serial No. 10/798,891 ) Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: March 12, 2004 ) Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce  
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For: USE OF PRE-COATED MAT FOR PREPARING GYPSUM BOARD

**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006 setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants request that Deposit Account No. 19-0733 be charged for any fee required to complete this filing.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

This response also is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal and a Rule 132 Declaration of co-inventor Brian Randall.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.